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XOM HOAI, NORTH VIETNAM
18-17N 105-38E

MISSION UE 7900, 12 DECEMBER 1968

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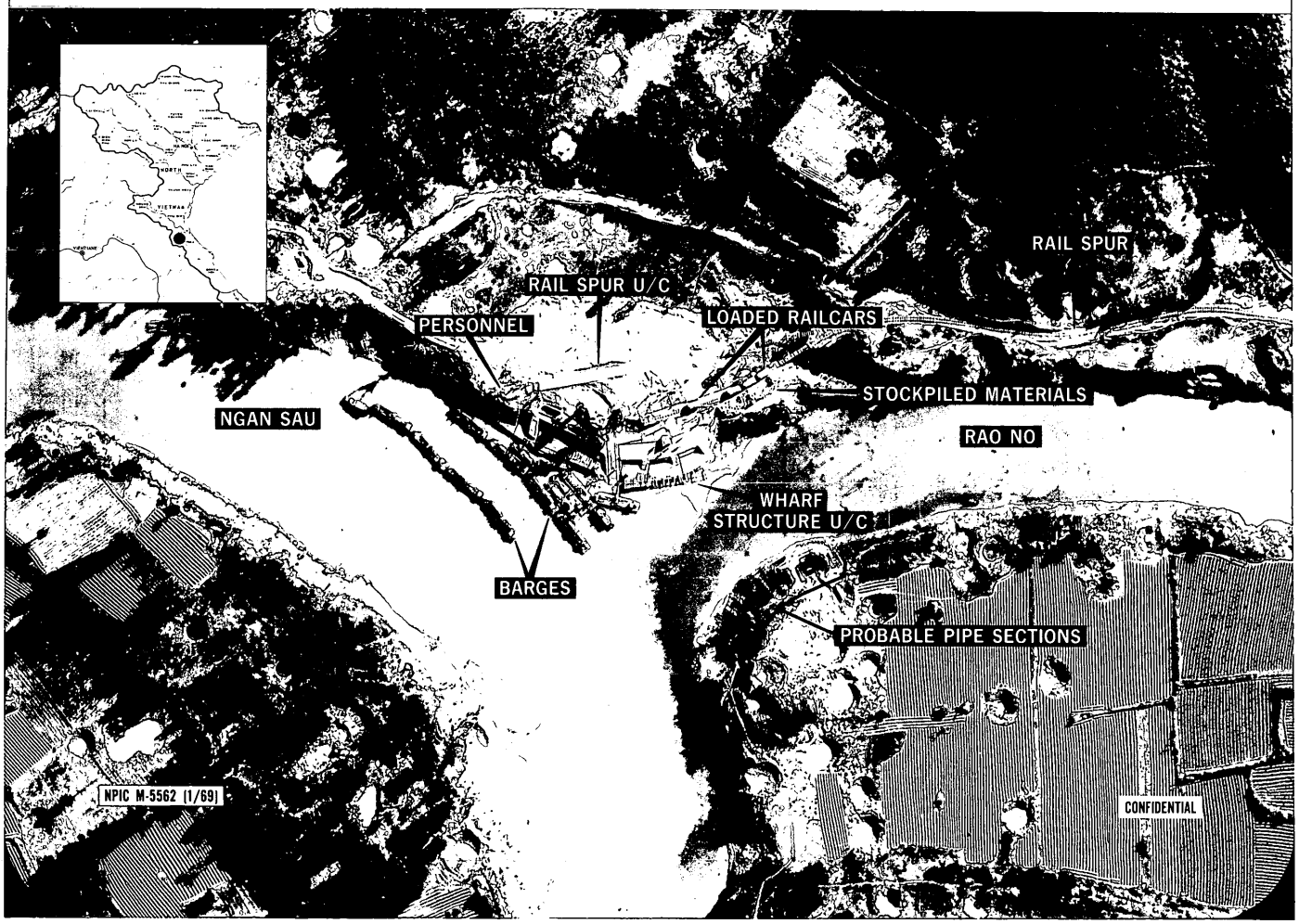

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A MAJOR WATER, ROAD, AND RAIL SERVED TRANSSHIPMENT POINT UNDER CONSTRUCTION. CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES SUCH AS THIS IS PART OF A CONTINUING EFFORT BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TO IMPROVE THE LOGISTICS NET BETWEEN VINH AND THE MU GIA PASS.

2. LOCATION:

25 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH OF VINH NEAR THE VILLAGE OF XOM HOAI AT UTM WF685218 AND AT THE CONFLUENCE OF THE NGAN SAU AND RAO NO RIVERS.

3. MISSION READOUT:

MISSION UE 790Q, 12 DECEMBER 1968 REVEALS THE PRESENCE OF A LARGE TRANSSHIPMENT POINT UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR THE VILLAGE OF XOM HOAI. THE WATER, RAIL, AND ROAD SERVED INSTALLATION IS IN THE LATE STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION WITH SOME OF THE FACILITIES CURRENTLY IN USE. THE TRANSSHIPMENT AREA CONSISTS OF ONE OPERATIONAL RAIL SPUR RUNNING FROM THE VINH-DONG HOI RAIL LINE, TO THE TRANSSHIPMENT POINT ON THE RIVER BANK AND ANOTHER SMALLER SPUR IN MID-TO-LATE STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION. A WHARF STRUCTURE WHICH IS IN LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION IS IN PARTIAL USE AND THE 12 LARGE TYPE-32 BARGES MOORED ALONGSIDE THE COMPLETED PORTION OF THE WHARF ARE BEING OFF-LOADED BY PERSONNEL. THREE SMALLER BARGES AND TWO MOTORIZED POWER BOATS ARE ALSO NOTED IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. FOUR SMALL

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TWO-AXLE RAIL CARS AND A CARGO TRUCK ARE ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF BEING LOADED WITH UNIDENTIFIED MATERIAL NEAR THE END OF THE COMPLETED RAIL SPUR.

NUMEROUS STACKS OF PROBABLE PIPE SECTIONS ARE ALSO OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

4. REMARKS:

THIS TRANSSHIPMENT POINT PROVIDING DIRECT TRANSLOADING FROM BARGE TO RAIL CAR WITHOUT THE NEED FOR INTERMEDIATE SHUTTLING BY CARGO TRUCK, WILL BE A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE LOGISTICS NET BETWEEN VINH AND THE MU GIA PASS. (SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD M-5494-1/69)

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MAP REFERENCE: AMS SERIES L-7014, SHEET 6145 IV, WF685218

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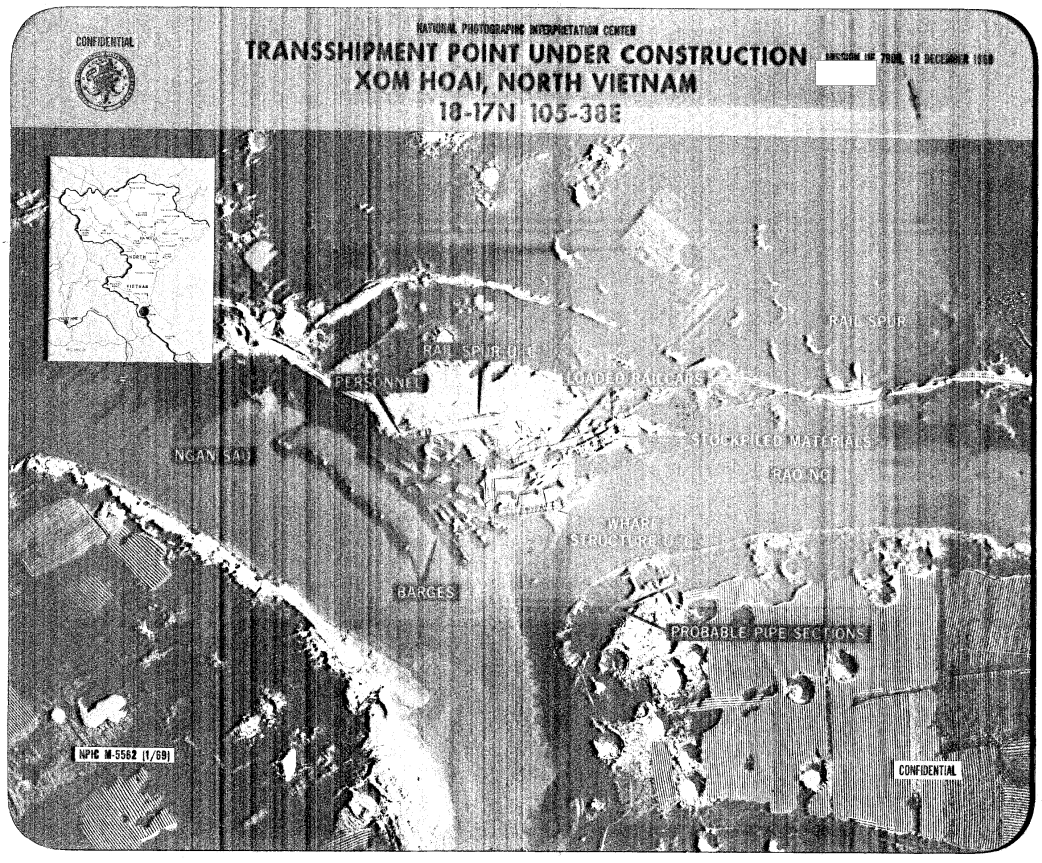

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